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**RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007, having a three-month shortened period for response that expired on April 18, 2007, please amend the application as follows: